REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 20 and 23-25 are amended. Claim 22 has been canceled. The amendments to the claims are for clarification purposes only and not intended to limit the scope of the claims in any way. In many cases, the amendments broaden the scope of the claims and/or explicitly state what was already implicit in the claim. No new matter is added. Claims 1-21 and 23-26 are pending.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Acceptance of the drawings filed on July 20, 2001 is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 21, 2003 and September 3, 2002.

Rejection of Claims 1-26 based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-21 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,359,976 to Kalyanpur et al. ("Kalyanpur"). Claim 22 has been canceled.

As to claim 1, Kalyanpur clearly fails to disclose or suggest "distributing the event database to a plurality of remote network locations" such that "each remote network location stores a local table containing event data generated at the remote location and one or more replica tables containing event data generated at other remote locations" and "a union of the local and replica tables is generated to form a combined event database at the remote location", as provided in claim 1.

As to claim 3, Kalyanpur clearly fails to disclose or suggest "a local table stored at each remote network location containing event data generated at the remote location" and "one or more replica tables stored at each remote network location containing event data generated at other remote locations" such that "a union of the local and replica tables is generated to form a combined event database at the remote location", as provided in claim 3.

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As to claim 4, Kalyanpur clearly fails to disclose or suggest "transmitting the central data to each of the monitored sites" such that "each of the monitored sites includes locally-generated event data and a replica of the central data" and "a union of the locally-generated event data and the central data is formed at each of the monitored sites", as provided in claim 4.

As to claim 25, Kalyanpur clearly fails to disclose or suggest a "means for transmitting the central data to each of the monitored sites" such that "each of the monitored sites includes locally-generated event data and a replica of the central data" and "a union of the locally-generated event data and the central data is formed at each of the monitored sites", as provided in claim 25.

As to claim 26, Kalyanpur clearly fails to disclose or suggest "a local table stored at each remote network location containing event data generated at the remote location", "one or more replica tables stored at each remote network location containing event data generated at other remote locations" and a "means for generating a union of the local and replica tables to form a combined event database at the remote location", as provided in claim 26.

Kalyanpur purports to relate to a system and method for receiving call detail records (CDR) from a network monitoring system. The monitoring system generates CDRs for calls, transactions, and/or other communication on a network. (Column 2, line 66 to Column 3, line 4). Kalyanpur states that a first server performs CDR processing which collects all CDRs from network monitors and formats the CDRs. Each of the formatted CDRs are sent to an external system. Profiles in a configuration file instruct network monitors to send the CDRs to different servers or workstations. (Column 9, lines 10-18).

Nothing in Kalyanpur discloses, either implicitly or explicitly, the claimed limitations of each of the network locations storing local event data and central data such that a union of the local event data and the central data is generated, as provided in claims 1, 3, 4, 25 and 26. Kalyanpur merely indicates that CDRs from network monitors are collected and processed by a first server such that the first server sends formatted CDRs to an external system. Hence, Kalyanpur does not disclose or suggest that a network monitor stores event data or that the network monitor stores both local event data central

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event data, as provided in claims 1, 3, 4, 25 and 26.

For the foregoing reasons, Kalyanpur does not anticipate the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 4, 25 and 26.

Claim 2 depends from independent claim 1. For at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claim 1, Kalyanpur also does not anticipate claim 2. Also, claim 2 includes additional recitations which, in combination with the recitations of independent claim 1, are also neither disclosed nor suggested by Kalyanpur. It is respectfully asserted that claim 2 is patentable as well.

Claims 5-21, 23 and 24 depend from independent claim 4. For at least the same reasons discussed in connection with claim 4, Kalyanpur also does not anticipate claims 5-21, 23 and 24. Also, claims 5-21, 23 and 14 include additional recitations which, in combination with the recitations of independent claim 4, are also neither disclosed nor suggested by Kalyanpur. It is respectfully asserted that claims 5-21, 23 and 24 are patentable as well.
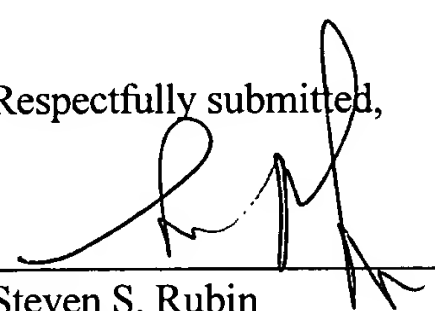
Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-21 and 23-26 under §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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